



ATTACHMENT B

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. - 3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented) A drainage control device for washing machines, comprising: first drive means containing a working fluid and operated in response to a change in volume according to expansion and retraction of said working fluid by a heater; and second drive means connected to said first drive means and controlling inflow and outflow of the working fluid relative to the first drive means, whereby the drainage control device controls drainage of water (a) by an extension of a first piston having an actuation rod connected at one end whereby the actuation rod is retracted so that drainage is open and (b) by a retraction of the first piston whereby the actuation rod is pushed out so that drainage is closed.

5. (previously presented) The drainage control device according to claim 4, wherein said first drive means comprises: a first cylinder containing the working fluid, within which the first piston reciprocates; and a heating means used for heating said first piston; and wherein the actuation rod is operated in conjunction with both the first piston and the heating means to open or close a drain port.

6. (original) The drainage control device according to claim 4, wherein said second drive means comprises: a second cylinder communicating with said first cylinder so as to control flow rate of the working fluid within the first cylinder; a second piston reciprocating within said second cylinder; and control means for controlling movement of said second piston.

7. (original) The drainage control device according to claim 5, wherein said heating means is a heater connected to an electrically conductive member electrically activated by a power source.

8. (original) The drainage control device according to claim 6, wherein said control means is a coil connected to an electrically conductive member electrically activated by a power source.

9. (original) The drainage control device according to claim 5, wherein said actuation rod is normally biased by an elastically biasing member in a direction.